

privilege of worshipping their Creator and Redeemer, and be governed by his righteous laws.

In 1610, our pilgrim fathers, not having found in Holland the religious freedom they sought or wished for, embarked and sailed for the wilds of North America. And it does seem plain enough that God said to them, get up out of your place and home, the land that gave you birth, and I will guide you unto a land where no tyrant has ruled nor shall rule; a land beyond the great father of waters, and where every son and daughter of mine can worship me according to, and in the light of the Gospel of good news and glad tidings directed by my spirit; none daring to molest or make afraid, and I will make of you a great nation who shall teach the nations of the earth in all that pertains to intellectuality, civilization and Christianization; and they journeyed across the dark waters, exercising the same firm undaunted faith in Jehovah that Abraham did when commanded to offer his son Isaac.

There are pilgrims who are idol worshipers. They travel long distances to worship gods made by men, of wood, stone, brass, silver or gold. Others in India go a long distance to bathe in the river Ganges in order as they believe, their sins may be washed away.

The members composing this society, —the King's Children—are all pilgrims as are all the persons present at this meeting and journeying to another world. But we have two classes of pilgrims present yet all are children of a king, and stranger yet to tell, all are the children of one Father, and although we know that he who is our Father and King is just, merciful and holy, He will bestow gifts upon all his children. To all he gives life, health and earthly happiness. He has given us a beautiful earth with sunshine and shower, springtime and harvest. Every good and perfect gift cometh from above, and is the gift of our Heavenly Father. Think for a moment, you can live only three weeks without food, three days without water, and but three minutes without air.

We have stated some of the blessings all may and do have, but in addition, and better than all, he gives a portion of his children eternal life, the others eternal death. You ask, is he partial? Can he be just and give more and greater gifts to a portion of his children? I answer, yes. He is just and holy and the only reason multitudes of his children do not receive eternal life is because they are unwilling to comply with certain conditions.

If you desire to become a soldier in the

U. S. army you must take the oath of allegiance to the government, and that obligation binds you to obey all the laws of the land, all orders of the general in chief, and so before you can become true or adopted children of our Father in heaven we must take the oath of allegiance, to wit: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" God's son, he who hath redeemed the world from sin, and be willing to obey his laws.

Jesus is God's only begotten Son, the work of redeeming a lost world the Father gave to him, and when there was no eye to pity, nor arm to save, it was his eye that pitied and his arm that brought salvation, hence we hear him say: "Lo, here I am to do thy will, O God." And now you can see why it is that a portion of his children are denied a crown, because they will not believe, and not believing do not obey, hence they are shut out of the kingdom and denied a crown. And while it is true they are God's children by creation, they are not such by adoption.

The law of our land gives to the adopted son or daughter the same advantages in education and property as the natural son or daughter, and it sustains the parent if he denies a competency to the undutiful and prodigal son or daughter though they be natural born. And so we are informed in the parable related by the Saviour concerning the rich man and the beggar. The rich representing the Jew, and the beggar the Gentile. He came into possession of the crown and kingdom while the Jew, because of unbelief was shut out. And so it will be with all of us if we believe not. No amount of training in the societies of C. E., or King's Children can save any. Paul said, "If I give my body to be burned and have not love, what will it profit me?"

The church with all its ordinances cannot save without complying with the conditions laid down: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." He has told us, "I am the door, if any man enter in through he shall go in and out and find pasture." Eastern sheep folds had but one door, and when that was shut there was but one way whereby any could get in. They must climb over the wall. All such the Saviour declares are thieves and robbers. John Bunyon's Pilgrim having entered by the door was pursuing on in the narrow way espied two climbing over the wall. Pilgrim contended with them that they were wrong, but they were sure they were right. Trials came and they turned. And so with all that come not in by the door—Christ—of the sheep fold.

Then let it be our concern to inquire the way by searching the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and they testify of me. If they testified of Jesus through and by the prophets how much surer testimony we have now in the New Testament, recounting his redemption work, his death on the cross, and his resurrection by the Father on the third day. Acts 2:32.

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We reorganized our K. C. society Friday evening, March 27. The following officers were elected: President, brother Adam Miller; vice president, Sister Melvenia Baughman; secretary, sister Lulu Park; corresponding secretary, sister Kate Trowbridge; treasurer, brother Orpha Park; organist, sister Candoce Tombaugh. We have good interesting meetings. The young people take part; they repeat verses and others will read and we know the K. C. is an auxiliary to our church. We also reorganized our Sunday-school March 29. We elected brother W. B. Trowbridge superintendent; assistant, brother Ben Rose; secretary, sister Carrie Knight; treasurer, brother William Weltermise; organist, sister Lestie Evans; librarian, sister Lulu Park and brother Clem Trowbridge. We have a grand interesting school. Dear brethren and sisters let us be steadfast ever working for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and for the salvation of precious souls. Your sister in Christ.

KATE TROWBRIDGE.

It is in proportion as we curtail the self life that we increase the Christ life. Michael Angelo was wont to say of the chippings that flew thick on the floor of his studio, "While the marble wastes, the image grows?" and so, as we chip away ourselves by daily watchfulness and self-denial, the life of Jesus becomes more manifest in our mortal body. (II Cor. 4:10, 11.) A rosebud may be grafted into a brier; but the brier must never be allowed to put forth its own shoots beneath it, or they will drain away its strength, so the gardener is ever mercilessly budding them off. After the same manner must we deal with every assertion of self. "I have been and am crucified with Christ. . . . Christ liveth in me."—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

No man can hinder our private address to God; every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his heart the sacrifice, and the earth he treads on the altar.—Jeremy Tappin.